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LOK SABHA

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FACILITIES TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to facilitate the farmers to take allied activities alongwith the agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the percentage of farmers benefited by the said steps, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (c) Yes Sir. The strategy of Government has been to diversify agriculture into other allied activities capable of generating higher returns and income, such as animal husbandry, horticulture, both irrigated and unirrigated, sericulture, fisheries, forestry etc. The treatment of reinfed areas on watershed basis will provide employment opportunities for unskilled labour by way of developing the potential of dry lands. It has not been possible to assess the benefits under the above steps, due to lack of comprehensive surveys covering the above aspects.